

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
November 22, 2016

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
Absent/Excused:	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer

5:30 p.m.

1) Code Review:

The Board reviewed the changes that Councilman Snyder and Code Enforcement Officer Kramer made to the proposed Solar code. They will continue to review and made changes at the next session at 5:30pm on November 28th.

7:00 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Friess led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Reserve Fund:

Kathleen Moffat, Assistant to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, is requesting that the Board consider establishing a reserve fund for payment of principal and interest due on bonds issued for the Southside Municipal Center/300 Glead Avenue. The source of funding will be surplus monies in the ER fund generated by the sale of the Southside Municipal Center/300 Glead Avenue.

2) Highway – Request to purchase Tractor/Backhoe:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to purchase a 2017 Model 420F2 ST Caterpillar Tractor Backhoe off the NYS OGS Bid #PGB22792 Group #40625 for \$94,122.00. This will replace a 1992 tractor backhoe. A spring of 2017 delivery date is anticipated and funds will be disbursed from DB5130.217 (2017 budget).

3) Copier Lease:

The lease on four copiers that the Town currently has expires in December 2016. Sharp Electronics has copiers on the NYS contract that fit the needs of the departments that have copiers (Town Clerk, Senior Center, Recreation, and Building Dept.). The Town will obtain a maintenance agreement through Eagle Systems.

4) Knox Park Soccer area – Eagle Scout Project:

James Hasselbeck, Boy Scout Troop 513, presented his Eagle Scout project idea to the Town Board. James is proposing to build a shelter near the parking lot at the Knox Farm Soccer fields. The shelter would be approximately 12' by 16' and have a post and beam type construction. The intended use would be shelter from rain and not for picnics. The Board liked the idea. Peter Sorgi from the Aurora Arsenal's stated that the Arsenal organization was in favor of the project. Mr. Sorgi was asked to provide a letter from the Arsenal's noting their being in favor of the shelter. The Town will contact NYS Parks to have them review the request.

5) Erie County Snow Removal and Ice Control Agreement:

The Town received the 2016-2019 Intermunicipal Snow Removal and Ice Control Agreement from Erie County. The agreement calls for a 3% increase for each year.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN JEFFE, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER, TO WIT

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, pursuant to COMM. 16E-14 (2013) dated September 26, 2013, relating to the control of snow and ice on County roads by towns and incorporated villages, entered into a three (3) year agreement with the Town of Aurora for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the said agreement expired August 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has authorized a Snow and Ice Control Agreement beginning September 1, 2016 and expiring August 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Aurora recognizes that plowing and de-icing town, as well as county roads, is in the best interest and safety of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Aurora agrees to the terms of the Snow and Ice Control Agreement, whereby the Town will be reimbursed for plowing and de-icing 71.20 lane miles of certain County roads as set forth below:

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017	\$3,818.00 per lane mile
September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018	\$3,933.56 per lane mile
September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019	\$4,051.57 per lane mile

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Deputy Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the 2016-2019 Snow and Ice Control Agreement with Erie County.

Action #359
Deputy Supv
auth to sign EC
snow/ice
control agrmnt

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

6) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision Preliminary Plat:

William Schutt, Dave Schutt and Peter Sorgi were present representing the developer. Greg Keyser and Camie Jarrell from GHD and Town Planning Board member/alternates David Librock, Jerrold Thompson and Richard Glover were also present.

Councilwoman Friess noted that the public hearing on the Preliminary Plat was held on November 14, 2016, and one of the biggest concerns was traffic. Since the hearing, concrete sidewalks four feet wide were added to the outer lots in the subdivision. The developer is still proposing a pavement width of 24' as opposed to 26' noted in the Town's adopted Standard Specifications and Details for Materials and Construction. This would need a waiver or variance from the Town Board.

Peter Sorgi, attorney for the developer, stated they do not believe a variance is needed, claiming that this is a private road and private roads are not covered by the Town code. William Schutt stated that the proposed pavement width and the gutters add up to 28' and that they have another level of review to go through (final plat).

Councilman Snyder asked if there was going to be street lighting. William Schutt responded that there would be decorative street lighting and those plans would be in the final plat.

Councilwoman Jaffe noted that the Cluster Development section of the Town Code states that private roads should be built to the Town's specifications.

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Richard Glover asked if the County has signed off on the septic proposal. Councilwoman Friess responded that the Erie County Sewer Authority approved the extension of Sewer District 8 to accommodate this development contingent upon approval of the Aurora Town Board.

William Schutt responded that they would be sending the detailed sewer plans to the County for approval at the final plat stage.

Councilwoman Friess stated she understands that the road should be built to the Town's specifications, but the Town Board has a right to waive certain requirements. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that if the Board approves the Preliminary Plat as presented, it would in essence be waiving the pavement width requirement.

Martha L. Librock

Town Clerk